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## **“CELLPHONE DIARIES” VIDEO TO BE FEATURED IN BLOCK2 STREET VIDEO SERIES**

The City of Raleigh Arts Commission has announced that “Cellphone Diaries,” a film by North Carolina State University (NCSU) Professor Kofi Boone, will premiere next month at Block2 Street Video Series. The film will air from dusk to 3 a.m. from Dec. 2 to Jan. 14 in the window of the City’s Urban Design Center located at 133 Fayetteville St.

“Cellphone Diaries” also will be shown at the Dec. 2 opening of the National Arts Program Exhibit at the Miriam Preston Block Art Gallery in the Avery C. Upchurch Government Complex, 222 W. Hargett St. The opening will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

“Cellphone Diaries” is the fifth film in the Block2 Street Video Series, curated by Neill Prewitt. It is a compilation from 58 films made with smart phones by 17 residents of South Park in southeast Raleigh who explore the links between place and meaning at nearby Chavis Park. Residents were asked to film and describe areas of Chavis Park that held special significance for them, after working with Mr. Boone and graduate students on using smartphones. Ultimately, Mr. Boone’s goal is for visitors of Chavis Park to be able to access each story with a mobile device, at the specific site that the narrative describes.

Mr. Boone is an assistant professor of landscape architecture at the College of Design at NCSU. A graduate of the University of Michigan where he earned his master’s degree in landscape architecture, Mr. Boone’s current teaching focuses partly on the interaction between community and new technologies in his seminar and design studios.

The Block2 Street Video Series is sponsored by the City of Raleigh Arts Commission with support from Continental Graphics Co. and Empire Properties.

For more information, contact the City of Raleigh Arts Commission Office at 996-3610 or email Hannah Costner, gallery coordinator, at [hannah.costner@raleighnc.gov](mailto:hannah.costner@raleighnc.gov).

Established in 1977 as the official advisory body and advocate for the arts to the Raleigh City Council, the City of Raleigh Arts Commission holds the distinction of being the first municipal arts commission created in North Carolina. Serving as the leading force to champion the arts with Raleigh citizens and their representatives, the Arts Commission's myriad activities foster, support, and promote the arts in the Capital City.

{**NOTE:** Attached is an image from "Cellphone Diaries."}